

STORY SLUG: Magnotta
DISC #: #1
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[00:00- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

JUST GIVE ME YOUR NAME AND YOUR AGE

“My name is Luca Magnotta and my age is 25.”

[00:20- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

AND WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING?

“I’m a model.

DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE OTHER STUFF THAT YOU DO?

“yeah, definiately.”

IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU?

Yeah, that’s totally fine. Yeah, basically, I do a lot of adult modeling and I do adult films as well and I’m pretty comfortable in front of the camera, I’ve been doing it for awhile. It’s been pretty good for me.

AND YOU DO IT FULL TIME?

I do. It’s full time whether it’s doing the films or doing magazines or internet shows what have you it’s all very consistent. It’s been really good for me.

[01:00- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DOING IT?

On and off now for four years. I travel and then I come back to Toronto and do it, go to Montreal and do it. Go to L.A. Where ever.

WHERE EVER THE PAY CHECKS COME FROM

Yeah

[01:13- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

WHAT IS THE SURGERY YOU WANT TO HAVE DONE, OR THE PROCEDURE?

Well, it's going to be at the back of my head, I've had two done, or three done already.

CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT IT IS?

It's a hair transplant. And basically

[01:30- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

TELL ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE PROCEDURE

Basically the back of my head here is going to be frozen. I'm awake through the entire procedure. There's no, what do you call that?

ANESTHETIC?

You don't get put to sleep.

[01:47 - Magnotta - DISC # 1]

Basically they cut open the back of my head and they take a strip of flesh off and they cut it off and they take it to the side and nurses work on it for a few hours while by taking individual hairs off the graft and then they sew the back of my head up.

SO THEY PULL THE SKIN DOWN?

Yeah they pull it down and tighten it and sew it back up and then while the nurses are working on taking the hairs out the doctor puts me back and he tries to decide what parts where all of them are going to be placed so it looks very natural

[02:30- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

as you can tell here on the front of my head the hair has grown in nice, because i used to be receding. So basically they take all the individual hairs and one by one they transplant it into my scalp.

WHERE EVER THEY FEEL IT NEEDS TO BE

Yeah, definitely so it's all filled in and then there's no... I guess basically at the back of my head here its, I cover it well with my hair, but it's going... not bald, but, I guess I'm in denial here (laughs). I guess you could say it is going bald then but every time I look in the mirror its getting worse and it want to completely eliminate it and stop it before...

obviously I can't have my hair looking like I'm fifty years old when I'm 25. Right? I want it to look pretty good.

[03:31- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

I've had cosmetic surgery done in the past so I'm pretty used to them.

WHAT HAVE YOU HAD DONE IN THE PAST?

I've had my eyes done here because I used to have dark circles underneath my eyes and it was completely making me look like I was tired all the time. I've had my nose done. I've had two hair transplants like I said before. And I'm planning on having muscle implants in my pecs and my arms, so, it remains to be seen.

[04:00- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

DO YOU THINK YOU ARE A BIT OF AN ADDICT?

Yeah, my name is Luka and I'm a cosmetic surgery addict (laughs). But, yeah, I think that I am because, just the profession I'm in it makes me aware of my looks because I'm constantly seeing other people that are good looking and how they look, I'm comparing myself. So I need to step up my game basically and that's why I'm having all these procedures done.

[04:33- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

DO YOU FEEL ITS MORE A MODELLING THING OR MORE OF AN ADULT ENTERTAINMENT THING, WHERE YOU FEEL THE PRESSURE?

I'd say it has to be both because both industries are so competitive. They both need you to look your best all the time and there is a lot of stress and a lot of anxiety in both industries, so I'd have to say both, definitely.

A LOT OF PRESSURE TO LOOK GOOD?

There is a lot of pressure to look good because you are on a set with these other people and you see how they look and after all your little flaws come out and you think, oh this person looks that way and they have this sort of body and this sort of face or hair and now I compare myself to this person and he has fuller hair so now I want fuller hair and he has a better nose so I want a better nose and this person's face doesn't have those so why should I have those if I can just pay for it and get it corrected and taken away. I don't see any problem with it.

[05:32- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU, YOU ARE A HANDSOME GUY I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU WEREN'T THAT HANDSOME BEFORE

You know what, I lot of people tell me that, they say 'oh you don't need it you don't need it' but before I was good looking but it was starting to fade and I was starting to get very self conscious with that and I could not deal with having my looks go.

[05:57- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

You know, before it was receding, like I was saying and my nose was a bit different. Now I just take very good care of myself and I go to the gym all the time, you know, eating properly. It would kind of defeat the purpose if I was doing all that exercise and looking kind of ugly.

[06:25- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

Serious when I'm in the chair and they are doing my hair or something... they say to me we better cut it a bit longer at the back because we can see that its and I say don't even tell me that, do not even tell me that its starting to get thin at the back because I'm in denial like I said

[06:43- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

I'm like, I've been hearing it so much lately and like the other actresses that I work with they are like, 'um, you're like' they point it out and I'm like 'that is not nice, okay' (laughs). So , they do tell me it and I guess I have to hear it because it is just reality so.

[07:00- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

HOW IMPORTANT ARE YOUR LOOKS TO YOU?

Oh my God, that's number one. Number one is looks, number two would have to be intelligence. And I don't know what the rest are. All I care about is number one. All I do is care about how I look by getting clothes, basically. Because, you know, when you are going out to parties, when you are going to events, when you are travelling everywhere you have to constantly wear something new all the time. You know

[07:40- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

It's a very strange industry. Not a lot of people can understand unless you are in it. (overtalk) I enjoy it though.

***[07:45- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN OBSESSED WITH YOUR LOOKS?

I have. People say to me all the time, even when I was a teenager, like, 'oh, you are completely vain all you do is stare in the mirror, if you walk by a mirror all you do is glance and look at it if you are in a restaurant you take your spoon and glance and look at it, try and check and see if you are okay.'

[08:07- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

A lot of my friends and family are just saying, 'you know what you are obsessed with it, you're just so obsessed with how you look and so obsessed with your cosmetic surgeries we don't understand this we don't understand you're becoming somebody completely different.'

[08:23- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

AND THEN GOING INTO AN INDUSTRY WHERE IT'S ALL ABOUT YOUR LOOKS.

It is so when you go from, you know, when you are in highschool or something your looks are important but they aren't everything and then you go into an industry, you know, people on their day to day jobs who aren't even in this industry they have to look presentable but they don't have to look perfect. But when you are doing this in front of the camera you know, people judge you so much it's not really nice but it's the way things are, you know if you don't look good.

[09:00- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF BODY DISMORFIC DISORDER. HAVE YOU HEAR OF THAT TERM?

I've heard of it briefly. I know its people who look good and they think that they look completely hideous. I don't have too much knowledge of the whole thing.

[09:18- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

YOU DON'T THINK YOU LOOK HIDEOUS. YOU THINK YOU LOOK GOOD?

I think I used to look hideous and after the, after when I got all my procedures done I started to look better and better but I still feel as though I can look even more handsome, you know, if I finish my journey into getting the surgeries done. You know what I mean? (some overtalk)

[09:44- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

DO YOU THINK IT WILL HELP YOU? IN THE ADULT ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY. DO YOU THINK THIS WILL GET YOU MORE WORK OR MAKE YOU MORE MONEY?

I have to say that it would get me a lot more work if I do get the hair transplants done because I notice the difference when I didn't have it as opposed to now because before it was as though they were going more and more to the other people and after I got the procedures I noticed I was the one getting more and more work. So I'm, okay, what happens if I get more and more work done that means I'll get more and more work.

[10:30- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

Once I get the implants, the pec implants and stuff because a lot of the guys, I noticed, I work out like a nut so other guys who are getting jobs like are getting bigger bodies so I said ' you know what I'm going to follow what they do because they're getting bigger bodies and better bodies so that's going to make me more money. They are getting jobs and I say I wonder why so I look at what they are doing and it just makes logical sense to me that I would do it too.

[11:05- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

SO YOU THINK HAVING THE SURGERY WILL MAKE A BIG CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE

It's going to make a drastically different change in my life and its going to give me more self esteem and, like, make me feel amazing about myself and it's very important for people to have high self esteem and feel good about themselves and if going under the knife can help somebody achieve that then I think it is a great thing, you know.

[11:41- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

People look at us like a magical new experience but it's not really that different, its not really that bad, you know.

***[11:58- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

Even though I'm awake I can still feel them cutting open my head, but it's not like you feel all the pain, you know what I mean, but you just have to stay there for hours like hours and feel them cutting open your head and putting it in. And you can actually feel, like the blood dripping down your neck. It's kind of graphic (laughs) don't want to gross everybody out here but its seriously graphic.

[12:17- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU LOOK IN THE MIRROR NOW. LIKE WHAT

Oh God. When I look in the mirror now I see all the little flaws just come out and I'm just like you know I can notice that, I want to fix that I want to fix this.

****[12:36- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

ARE THERE OTHER THINGS YOU ARE LOOKING TO FIX OTHER THAN YOUR HAIR AND YOUR PECS?

Okay, this is going to sound really weird but I've seen this other guy on a cosmetic surgery show and he had on his forehead here, two little bumps on his skull (points to his forehead at the eyebrows) and they protrude out of his forehead, like there are two bumps here on my head because my bone sticks out a little bit on my forehead, like those two little bumps. And he had his grinded down a little bit. He couldn't do it all the way because his forehead would collapse, he had to stop. Because he thought it looked like devil horns. And I notice when I look in the mirror that I have the same thing too, like one here and one here, so I want it taken off my forehead. When I look there its getting bigger and bigger on my forehead.

[13:30- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

DO YOU SEE AN END TO THE COSMETIC SURGERY, WILL YOU EVER BE PERFECT IN YOUR OWN EYES?

(shakes his head) No, I, I, I know there are some much things I'm going to do. I don't care whether or not I have to work every single hour to get these surgeries done. Maybe there won't be an end, maybe there will be an end but I'm just going to keep doing it until I'm personally happy. I don't care what anyone else says to me if they say 'oh, you look really good' I don't believe it I think they are just saying it.

[14:00- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

DO YOU, OBVIOUSLY YOU ARE COMFORTABLE TALKING ABOUT PLASTIC SURGERY, YOU DON'T THINK IT SHOULD BE KEPT A SECRET?

You know what, I really don't think it should be kept a secret, ah, if you can help other people with your experience, if you can help other people because not everybody looks that good naturally, you know, so if someone is sitting at home and they have low self esteem and they say 'everybody looks so perfect' well, it took a process maybe for that person to look that perfect so if you come out and say 'I've had a bit of work done' maybe it would help that person to say 'well, you know what they aren't naturally that beautiful' I think it's a positive thing.

***[14:45- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

WHAT DOES YOUR FAMILY THINK?

Ah, actually they've come to the point where they don't really want to talk to me, its actually true, they don't want to talk to me because they think its too much and they are really fed up with it and you know we have differences on those kinds of things so it's a

really stressful situation. Actually my whole life has excelled too much for them to handle. So I think they are taking a little break. (interviewer laughs).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE?

That's exactly right

***[15:20- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

WHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS?

They just keep saying to me all the time, you know, 'you look good, you look fine, don't even worry about it' but you know I honestly, they don't understand my position in life, they don't understand my goals in life, like, if I don't have my body, if I don't have my looks then I don't have any life. My looks and my body are my life.

[15:53- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

Me and them have different ways of thinking and we are constantly getting in arguments and fights...

BUT THE INDUSTRY YOU WORK IN, THERE MUST BE OTHER PEOPLE AROUND WHO HAD COSMETIC SURGERY

You know, I see women who have breast implants, and they have plastic breasts and I see, I know guys who say 'oh, I have my nose done and I have my teeth done' because I have my teeth done too, I don't think that's a big procedure

LIKE VENEERS?

No, I had them grinded down and whitened and all straightened, I spent a lot of money on my teeth

**[16:32- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

My friends, are basically, they are accepted that I am going to have it done but they don't like that I'm going to have it done

THEY LIKE YOU THE WAY YOU ARE

They do like me the way I am and I think that's very nice but still I don't like the way I am, I'm not going to stay this way I'm going to go on to somebody completely different.

[16:46- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

NOW, WHEN I'VE WATCHED ADULT FILMS THE GUYS ARE NOT THAT GOOD LOOKING, SOME I'M JUST WONDERING, NOT ALWAYS, I'M JUST CURIOUS HAS IT CHANGED THE ADULT INDUSTRY WHERE THERE IS MORE PRESSURE ON MEN THAT THEY HAVE TO LOOK LIKE SUPER HOT GUYS?

I would have to say that I have seen adult movies where guys are ugly, like Ron Jeremy for example

I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY, LIKE RON JEREMY

That's hideous.

***Everyone has to admit though, if you are better looking you are going to get more fans and you are going to get more jobs so honestly I've found that when I got my procedures done I got more fans, I got more jobs I got everybody's, you know, acceptance

[17:39- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

I think that whole industry has changed from the 70s and 80s up to the new millennium, that the guys are taking more, of ah, a more proactive approach and, ah, they want to look as good as possible because I guess the terms now is metrosexual.

[18:08- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

USUALLY THOSE MOVIES ARE ALL ABOUT THE WOMEN NOT SO MUCH ABOUT THE GUYS

Yeh, you know, it is a lot about the women but still I guess the guys feel like there is pressure to look good. Maybe they have gay fans or something. Maybe, because I know I have gay fans and I just know that when I take better care of myself that I get more letters, more responses than I normally would have. And I think I'm going to have a lot more acceptance after, um, the work has been completed and my looks basically...

[18:45- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO ADD OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU THINK I MISSED?

I would just like to say, I guess, that I would be very excited to do this and it would be a great opportunity and I would be a great candidate for this (laughs) position. (shakes his hand in the air and starts to clap)

YEAH LUKA

[19:11- Magnotta - DISC # 1]

The producer tries to get shots of the scars on the back of Luka's head.

20:23 – back of Luka's head – he is pointing at his hair

20:49 - c/u front of head at hair line – he is pointing out his new hair

21:08 – c/u Luka eyes

21:12 – c/u face – pointing at nose

21:16 – c/u face – staring directly into camera

21:23

AS LONG AS YOU ARE HAPPY. ITS ALL ABOUT YOU

“definitely”

21:31 – Luka walks in a circle

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INTERVIEWER CLIPS – IN UPPER CASE
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